

3. (Amended) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the at least one slot is axially oriented.

4. (Amended) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the at least one slot is circumferentially oriented.

5. (Amended) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the at least one slot is a U-notched groove.

6. (Amended) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the at least one slot is a V-notched groove.

7. (Amended) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the at least one slot is an external slot.

8. (Amended) The controlled debris perforating system of claim 1, wherein the at least one slot is an internal slot.

9. (Amended) A method of controlling the debris during perforating, comprising:

providing a pre-fragmented shaped charge having a charge case defining a plurality of grooves about which the charge case is adapted to fracture.

12. (Amended) A shaped charge made by a process, comprising:

inserting an explosive into a case;

inserting a liner over the main body of explosive; and

machining a plurality of slots in the case about which the case is adapted to fracture.

17. (Amended) A method of using one or more pre-fragmented shaped charges in a well, comprising:

providing a perforating string having one or more pre-fragmented shaped charges, the pre-fragmented shaped charges comprising a charge case defining at least one slot about which the charge case is adapted to fracture; and

conveying the perforating string into the well.